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**Blue Ribbon Schools Recognition**

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**The Background:**

The U.S. Department of Education annually recognizes schools that demonstrate outstanding student achievement results. This prestigious program is the *Blue Ribbon Schools Program*.

Blue Ribbon Schools must be first nominated by the chief state school officer (CSSO) as eligible. Based on state data, the CSSO certifies that the nominated schools meet one of two criteria:

1) At least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds and show dramatic improvement in test scores to high levels in at least the past three years in reading (language arts or English) and mathematics.

2) Regardless of demographics, achieves in the top 10 percent of schools in the state in the school's grade category as measured by state tests of reading (language arts or English) and mathematics in at least the last grade tested in the last year tested.

The nominated schools must successfully complete an intensive application process which is reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education.

Tennessee had six schools recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools for 2011. They are:

***Schools in the top 10 percent of the State with at least 40 Percent Disadvantaged Students***

1. Hume-Fogg Magnet School  
Davidson County Schools  
Dr. Paul Fleming, Principal  
700 Broadway  
Nashville, TN 37203
2. Page High School  
Williamson County Schools  
Dr. Andrea Anthony, Principal  
6281 Amo Road  
Franklin, TN 37064

***Schools with at least 40 percent disadvantaged students that have dramatically improved student achievement to high levels***

3. South Greene High School  
Greene County Schools  
Cindy Bowman, Principal  
7469 Ashville Highway  
Greeneville, TN 37743
4. Frazier Elementary School  
Rhea County Schools  
Gail Kelly, Principal  
3900 Double S Road  
Dayton, TN 37321
5. Morristown High School  
Hamblen County Schools  
Dr. Jeff Moorhouse, Principal  
1 Trojan Trail  
Morristown, TN 37813
6. Fairmont Elementary  
Johnson City Schools  
Carol McGill, Principal  
1405 Lester Harris Road  
Johnson City, TN 37601

**The Master Plan Connection:**

These items supports the Board's *Master Plan* by providing access to a high-quality curriculum in schools using standards of excellence as evidenced by student achievement and high school quality.

It supports quality teaching with characteristics of a dedicated staff and an effective community as well as excellent district and school leadership.

**The Recommendation:**

The Department of Education recommends acknowledgment of these schools for their dedication to student achievement across Tennessee.

These schools were recognized with the other national Blue Ribbon Schools for 2011 in Washington, D.C., in November 2010.